

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

10/069,995

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Emily Bernhardt

Art Unit

1624

All Participants:

(1) Emily Bernhardt.

(2) Mr. Lowen.

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Date of Interview: _____

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Rejection under par. one for method claims

Claims discussed:

20 and 21 and claim 9

Prior art documents discussed:

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

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(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Initially the examiner contacted Mr. Bird informing him that case could be allowed if claims 20 and 21 were cancelled. All remaining method claims were free of 112 rejection previously applied in view of applicants' most recent response. On 11/22 Mr. Lowen called authorizing cancellation of these claims. The examiner further noted that additional nonelected processes were present in claim 9 which could be rejoined. However, route i) does not particularly recite a particular process step and thus should be deleted. This was also agreed to by Mr. Lowen on 11/23/04. All of these changes will be done via an Examiner's Amendment..